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1. The Westkommission, charged with policy control and guidance of the KPD in Western Germany, is to be dissolved. Henceforth the support of the KPD will be handled by all sections of the SED Central Committee within their respective fields of responsibility. All members of the Central Committee will be expected to keep themselves au courant on developments within the KPD.**
2. An SED functionary who attended the Weimar convention of the KPD claims that among the newly elected members of the KPD directorate there is hardly one with legal residence in Western Germany.**

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment: This reorganization, if effected, would result in vesting complete control over the KPD with the SED. This has been the de facto situation ever since the nominal split in 1946. The enforced exile of the Chairman of the KPD, Max Reimann, in the Soviet Zone and the fact that the Party conference had to be held in Weimar, point in the direction of a complete merger of the top echelon of SED and KPD. Such a shift might change the legal basis upon which the KPD was licensed, and might pose the question whether a Party avowedly controlled from the outside should be accorded legal standing in the territory of the Federal Republic.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment: Quite likely informant was alluding to the circumstance that most of the members, though West German residents, were born and raised on DDR territory.

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